

Bohemian Switzerland National Park

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<https://www.ceskesvycarsko.cz/en/ceske-svycarsko>

How to get there:

If you're going by public transport, the best (and probably the only) option is to take a train to Děčín and then take a bus to the stop "Hřensko, k soutěskám". It's worth going early, so you can use the whole day there. Last semester, we took the train there at 8:26, and we got back to Prague at 21:36.

There is a possibility to use services of **Uniqway**, which is a carsharing made by students of ČVUT, ČZU and VŠE for students and employees of all universities in Czech Republic (Exchange students included). You can choose from 27 cars, many of which have automatic transition. There are no registration fees and there are zones right next to universities, dorms or in the city centre. There are no car keys needed: you will unlock the car via the app and your student card. You can register on this website: <https://www.uniqway.cz/en/registrace>. You will need ID (passport), student ID, driving licence. You can find more information on their website <https://www.uniqway.cz/>, or you can follow their facebook and instagram.

You can get a discount worth of 200 CZK if you use a promotion code "ErasmusVSE."

Where to Eat:

You can have lunch at [U Fořta](#) (here is the [map](#)). Don't forget to bring dinner, enough snacks and of course enough water!

Accommodation Tips:

While there are restrictions in Czech Republic, it is not possible to get an accommodation. Therefore, this should be only a day trip. However, it is a tip for perfect day trip even when there are no restrictions.

If you want to stay in the beautiful nature longer, we recommend you looking for accommodation at [Airbnb](#) or [Booking.com](#): it is usually not that difficult to find an affordable accommodation. But remember – accommodation in the heart of national park is costly. Probably good compromise in this case is to stay in Děčín, as it will be cheaper.

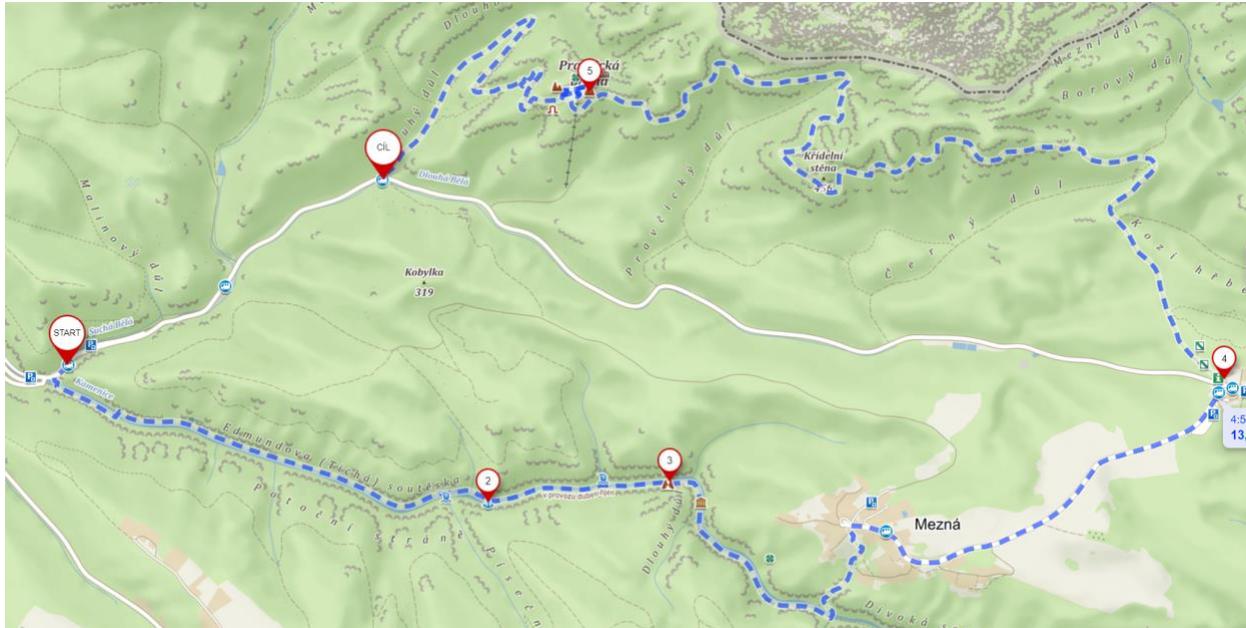
Other Tips:

- For hiking / walking in nature in the Czech Republic, we highly recommend the application called [Mapy.cz](#). They are similar to Google Maps, but much more accurate for hiking.
- Wear good shoes and comfortable clothes. Hiking boots are not necessary, but high heels are not the option 😊 sneakers will do the job.
- Bring enough water and some snacks.
- The suggested hike has over 13 kilometers. It is not very difficult, but you should be fit and in good health to finish it.
- If you want to stay there longer and the country borders are open, we recommend also go to Saxon Switzerland – the German side of Saxon-Bohemian Switzerland.

Places to See:

We recommend following this plan:

<https://mapy.cz/s/rarodumoko>



The natural sceneries are breathtaking. Hike and enjoy the nature around.

- 1) **Start = bus stop “Hřensko, k soutěškám”** To get out on the right bus stop, carefully watch your position on maps. Get out of the bus and start walking in the direction to Edmund Gorge.
- 2) **Edmund Gorge.** When you get to this point, you will not be able to go further on your own. You have to take a little boat. The guide will tell you interesting legends about the rocks around the Gorge. More info, opening hours and prices: <http://www.en.hrensko.net/opening-hours-and-prices/>. The boat ride is 100 % worth it.



- 3) Here you get out of the boat and continue your hike.

- 4) This point is the recommended restaurant U Fořta. You can have your lunch here, or just continue. The trail between point 4 and 5 is called **Gabrielina stezka** (Gabriela's path) and it leads you through rocks.



- 5) **Pravčická brána**. After 10 km of walking in beautiful nature, Pravčická brána is highlight of the day, as the icon of this area. For example, Narnia was filmed here. You must pay for entrance, but there is a student fee (30 CZK), so don't forget your ISIC card. More info and opening hours: <https://www.pbrana.cz/>



- 6) **Bus stop Hřensko, Pravčická brána**. Find the bus back to Děčín from this bus stop. Be careful about when the last one leaves. Then take the train from Děčín back to Prague.

Suggested timeline:

This is a timeline we followed last semester with the group of exchange students. Please check the current public transport timetables and adjust accordingly.

- 8:26 – 9:54 Train to Děčín
- 10:11 – 10:34 Bus to „Hřensko, k soutěškám“
- 10:45 – 11:45 Hike to Edmund Gorge
- 11:45 – 12:15 Boat ride in Edmund Gorge
- 12:15 – 13:30 Hike to Restaurant u Fořta
- 13:30 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 17:00 Hike to Pravčická brána through Gabrielina stezka
- 17:00 – 18:00 Staying on Pravčická Brána
- 18:00 – 18:45 Hike to „Hřensko, Pravčická Brána“
- 19:11 – 19:41 Bus to Děčín
- 20:02 – 21:36 Train to Prague